

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A single cell of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell, comprising:

a first electrode member consisting of a first porous substrate;

an electrolyte film formed on either a front surface or a back surface of said first electrode member;

a second electrode ~~member~~ layer consisting of a second porous substrate and formed on said electrolyte film;

a separator film formed on the other surface of said first electrode member;

said first electrode member being one of a fuel electrode and an air electrode and said second electrode ~~layer member~~ being the other one of said fuel electrode and said air electrode; and

a seal portion covering all side surfaces of said first electrode member and formed to permit removal of said seal portion from two opposing areas of said side surfaces to define an inlet and an outlet for one of a fuel gas and air supplied to the cell.

wherein the entire first electrode member forms one of a fuel flow path and an air flow path through the cell, and

wherein the entire second electrode layer forms the other one of said fuel flow path and said air flow path through the cell.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A single cell of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein at least one of a part of said electrolyte film and a part of said separator film comprises said seal portion and ~~functions as~~ forms a gas seal film.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A single cell of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 2, wherein said seal portion includes a side film portion which covers each entire area of side surfaces of one of two pairs of opposed side surfaces of said first electrode member and seals said covered side surfaces to prevent ~~a gas, said fuel gas or~~ air from escaping.

Claim 4 (original): A single cell of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said electrolyte film and said separator film is formed by a wet process relative to said first electrode member.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A cell stack of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell, comprising;

~~a laminated body constituted by laminating said plurality of single cells defined in~~ according to claim 1[[,]] arranged in series in a lamination direction to form a laminated body; and ~~including a laminated body having~~

a conductive spacer provided between said adjacent single cells ~~adjacent to each other in a lamination direction.~~

Claim 6 (original): A cell stack of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 5, wherein said spacer is a porous substrate.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A cell stack of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 6, wherein said porous substrate consists of a material which is the same as that of said second electrode ~~member~~ layer.

Claim 8 (original): A cell stack of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 5, wherein a conductive jointing material is provided between said spacer and said separator film opposed to each other in said single cells which are adjacent to each other.

Claim 9 (original): A cell stack of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 5, wherein manifold plates formed of ceramics are attached on side surfaces of said laminated body.

Claim 10 (original): A cell stack of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 9, wherein said ceramics is free-cutting glass ceramics.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A cell stack of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 5, wherein the lamination direction of said laminated body is set horizontal, and said first electrode ~~member~~ layer and said spacer are orthogonally arranged.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A single cell of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell comprising:

a first electrode member consisting of a porous substrate through which a fuel gas or air passes;

an electrolyte film formed on either a front surface or a back surface of said first electrode member;

a second electrode ~~member~~ layer formed on said electrolyte film; and

a separator film formed on the other surface of said first electrode member,

wherein said first electrode member is one of a fuel electrode and an air electrode, and said second electrode ~~member~~ layer is the other one of said fuel electrode and said air electrode, and the entire said first electrode member ~~itself~~ being ~~[[as]]~~ a sole gas flow path,

wherein both front and back surfaces of said first electrode member being covered with said electrolyte film and said separator film respectively~~[[;]]~~.

wherein at least one of a part of said electrolyte film and a part of and and/or said separator film being a seal portion which covers a part of side surfaces between said electrolyte film and said separator film of said first electrode member and ~~functions as~~ forms a gas seal film, and

wherein said seal portion including a side film portion which covers each entire area of side surfaces of one of two pairs of opposed side surfaces of said first electrode member and seals said covered side surfaces to prevent ~~[[a]]~~ said fuel gas or air from escaping.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended) A single cell of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell comprising:

a first electrode member consisting of a porous substrate;

an electrolyte film formed on either a front surface or a back surface of said first electrode member;

a second electrode ~~member~~ layer formed on said electrolyte film;

a separator film formed on the other surface of said first electrode member;

said first electrode member being one of a fuel electrode and an air electrode and said second electrode ~~member~~ layer being the other one of said fuel electrode and said air electrode; and

a seal portion covering all side surfaces of said first electrode member,

wherein the entire air electrode being a sole air flow path through the cell, and the entire fuel electrode being a sole fuel flow path through the cell.

Claim 15 (new): A cell stack of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 5, wherein said air flow path and said fuel flow path are parallel with respect to one another.

Claim 16 (new): A cell stack of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 15, wherein said air and fuel flow paths are arranged in a co-current or counter-current flow relationship.

Claim 17 (new): A cell stack of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 5, wherein said air flow path and said fuel flow path are orthogonal with respect to one another.

Claim 18 (new): A cell stack of a flat plate type solid oxide fuel cell according to claim 5, wherein manifold plates formed of ceramics are attached on side surfaces of said laminated body, said manifold plates comprising first openings corresponding to one of said air flow path and said fuel flow path and second openings corresponding to the other one of said air flow path and said fuel flow path.